(b) and (c) Facilities regarding health, education, housing, recreation, etc. are made available to the workers from the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund. There is always a constant effort to enlarge and extend the scope of the welfare activities *i.e.* sanctioning new dispensaries, sanctioning more scholarships etc.

Statement

Name of State	No. of Beedi Workers (in lakhs)
1. Andhra Pradesh	2.50
2. Bihar	3.50
3. Gujarat	0.50
4. Karnataka	3.00
5. Kerala	1.50
6. Madhya Pradesh	5.65
7. Maharashtra	2.50
8. Orissa	1.60
9. Rajasthan	1.00
10. Tamil Nadu	2.00
11. Uttar Pradesh	4.5
12. West Bengal, Assam Tripura & Meghalaya	4.50
TOTAL	32.75

Seizure of Indian fishing trawlers by Pakistani Coast Guards

763. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Coast Guards had detained and seized Indian fishing trawlers while fishing in the territorial water near Okha in Gujarat in the first week of January, 1987; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to get back the Indian fishing trawlers and also release of crewmen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir; three Indian fishing vessels and two vessels on lease with Indian companies were seized by Pakistani authorities in January, 1987.

(b) the matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan. Two of the vessels and their crew have already been released and we have been informed that Pakistan is ready to release two other vessels and their crew. The case about the fifth vessel is yet to come up in Pakistan courts.

Blacklisting of importers and exporters

764. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of importing and exporting organizations blacklisted since 1st April, 1985; and

(b) the names of Government undertakings black-listed since 1st April, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) There is no provision for black-listing of firms in the Imports and Exports Control Act and the Orders issued thereunder.

Development of tourism in North-Eastern States

765. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North-Eastern States have good tourist potential to attract foreign tourists; and